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Vigilant Patriot Award

"SO PROUDLY WE HAIL" the latest honor conferred upon our Order. Hundreds of nominations were made, 32 were chosen, including the Improved Order of Red Men. The VIGILANT PATRIOT AWARD is awarded by the All American Conference to Combat Communism, to those individuals or organizations that make an outstanding contribution to public awareness and understanding of the communist menace to the Freedom of our Nation.

Carl R. Lemke and Dr. Paul Grisby

"THESE TRUTHS WE HOLD SACRED" a booklet compiled and edited by Carl R. Lemke, Great Chief of Records, and given to all new members adopted during our Bi-Centennial Year, was the citation for which this award was made to our Order. It was felt that this booklet with its Patriotic Inspiration, bringing to the fore, THESE TRUTHS WE HOLD SACRED, would inspire All Americans to a greater love of the FREEDOM our forefathers so gallantly fought and died for.

This Patriotic booklet contains some 15 separate categories of information—including the United States Constitution, Rights and Privileges of an American, the United States Flag and its code, American holidays, Watchwords of Democracy, Governmental procedure, Patriotic songs, poems, immortal American speeches, anecdotes of famous Americans, and the Declaration of Independence.

The award ceremony on April 2nd, at Washington, D. C., was attended by Carl R. Lemke, Great Chief of Records, who accepted the award on behalf of the Improved Order of Red Men, and Edward L. Keyser, Sr., Great Junior Sagamore, who represented the Great Incohonee Henry Valent.

This is another example of what your Order does to help preserve the American Way of Life, to encourage in its members and the citizenry of America, to value their heritage of FREEDOM, and drive from our lands the insidious threat of Communism in any form.

Member, All-American Conference to Combat Communism

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PUBLICITY

The following was taken from a Waco, Texas paper and also received excellent radio coverage. This is what happens when members are proud of their affiliation with the Improved Order of Red Men and take the opportunity to publicize.

"This week Pat Rinewalt, the OK paper Peddler, will present a debate starring Tony Duty, Bob Davis and Jimmie LeBlond. The subject will be U.S.A. vs U.S.S.R. and who will represent who (or is it whom?) is a deep dark secret. We don't even know which of the three will have the job of pulling the other two apart when the going gets tough. All three are members of the Improved Order of Red Men, the oldest strictly American fraternal patriotic organization in this country, having its origin prior to 1776 and the American Revolution. In fact, Red Men were involved in the Boston Tea Party. Bob Davis is now Sachem of Huaco Tribe No. 48 of Waco, Texas."

INDIANA

On March 27 in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, cooperation between both branches of our Order manifested itself in a highly successful Joint Trail Blazer Meeting. This was an all-day affair beginning at 10:00 a.m. On the agenda was Degree Work by both branches, plus the other usual Trail Blazer activities. Announcement was made of the New Indiana Membership Campaign that will be known as "THE IVAN CRAGGS MEMORIAL CLASS". Indiana will seek to honor one of ITS OWN by the largest gain in membership in recent years.

Tribal roll call showed 86 in attendance with 9 Tribes represented and 16 candidates for the adoption degree. D. of P. roll call showed 117 in attendance with 12 Councils represented and 14 candidates for the adoption degree. (The Ladies ahead, as usual). A Tribal announcement was made that since the first of the year, 40 have been adopted, plus 6 reinstatements and 8 applications are on file.

Indiana is to be commended for their activities and especially for the "IVAN CRAGGS MEMORIAL CLASS". We are certain that with the interest being shown and under capable leadership of both branches of the Order, Indiana will Show Progress and Advancement.

Message of the Great Incohonee

We have just concluded our Bi-Centennial Membership Campaign. The first phase lasted six months, and the second phase nine months. Thanks to all those brothers and sisters who worked so diligently for the success of this program. When the tally is made, it is my guess that we have brought in many new members—more than ever before for a similar period of time in many years.

Let us give thanks to our National Committee on Promotional Development, chairmaned by P.G.I. Edmund Taylor, secretaried by P.G.I. William Farrenkopf, and supplied with enthusiasm, determination, and many sound, basic ideas of Great Junior Sagamore Edward Keyser. They, with the able assistance of our Great Chief of Records, Carl Lemke, have made available on the tribal and council level the materials with which work can be done.

Our theme for revival is basic. Our Order must grow from the grass roots, from the tribal and council level. The strength of our Order is the sum total of the active participation of each and every member. Every effort is being made to reach that member, to let that member know what is going on, what we stand for, what our programs are, and how much we depend upon him or her for the future progress of our Order.

Unfortunately in some reservations, we are losing more than we are gaining; in other reservations we are gaining new members, and losing more than those newly acquired; and in only a few are we gaining in numbers, and even in these the losses are frightening. Let us be realistic! If we don't inform our members of the history and traditions of our Order; if they don't know our objectives, our aims, our purposes; if they are unfamiliar with our rituals; if the tribal or council meetings are not made interesting; if our officers from the tribal and council level upward show no leadership, no interest in the membership, and no progressive program; if we glumly sit on our hands and mope "Why don't *they* do something?", or stay away from the meetings and only criticize those few who try to get something done; and if we ask for help, and then when being provided with the means for your assistance, you yell "Who are *they* to tell us what to do!"—yes, the end is in sight!

To assist you in becoming a better member, an active member, and a member who will provide vigor and life to our Order and a guaranty or security for its future, we now invite you to become a TORCH BEARER. Read and study the circular attached. And please show your interest and enthusiasm by becoming one.

We have had two hundred years of existence; we are the oldest patriotic order founded in Freedom; we are dedicated to the American way of life—Freedom, Friendship, and Charity; we have been recently recognized for our Resolution on Cuba, and our Resolution re. Americanism; and our booklet "These Truths We Hold Sacred" compiled and edited by P.G.I. Carl Lemke, our Great Chief of Records, has just been given the 1965 Vigilant Patriot Recognition Award by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism; and we have been invited by Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge to participate in the construction of a shrine which will not only serve to perpetuate our American Heritage and Way of Life but also will perpetuate our oldest patriotic order, the Improved Order of Red Men and Degree of Pocahontas. Great Prophet John Howley, our chairman of this later venture, has been working tirelessly and diligently for the success of this Financial Drive to raise the moneys necessary for our participation in the Hall of Patriots.

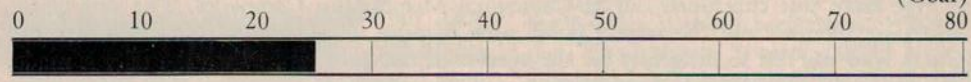
Now, brothers and sisters, what have you done, what are you doing, what are you planning to do to perpetuate this ORDER?

I sincerely hope that you have contributed at least One Dollar to the Hall of Patriots, and have participated in the Xmas card program; that you have become familiar with the working materials made available to you; that you have been actively participating in your tribe or council; that you vow to become a TORCH BEARER; and that you will acquire at least one new member and orient this member as to our Order.

Your Great Incohonee and Co-worker,

(s) Henry Valent

HALL OF PATRIOTS



At the last session held in Philadelphia in September 1964, both the Tribal Great Council and the Degree of Pocahontas National League unanimously agreed to sponsor the Hall of Patriots at Valley Forge.

It is only fitting that the first two buildings of this Freedoms Center should bear the names, The Martha Washington Building and The George Washington Building. The Improved Order of Red Men and the Degree of Pocahontas have pledged their part in the building of this huge Freedoms Foundation Center that one day will take its place as one of the symbols of American Freedom and Liberty.

As Chairman of this Committee to raise this fund we set a voluntary donation of $1.00 per member, but the contributions to date have been very disappointing.

As members of this Patriotic Organization which preaches Freedom, Friendship and Charity, we are up to the present time defaulting on our obligation made on October 1st 1964 in Philadelphia.

This Hall of Patriots Program is to honor our Founders and Patriots to the present day in protecting our Freedoms which we enjoy today.

Sisters and Brothers let us not default in this National Project. If you have not contributed, do so today by giving to your Keeper or Chief of Records who will send the same to Carl R. Lemke, Box 683, Waco, Texas.

To date we have received approximately 25 per cent. Do your duty to your Organization by contributing today.

The following is a list of contributions received since the last issue.

Fraternally yours,
John L. Howley, P.G.I.

Hall of Patriots Honor Roll

San Luis Rey Tribe No. 303—California
Silver Moon Council No. 61—West Virginia
Tamaqua Council No. 218—Pennsylvania
Kumtux Tribe No. 3—Washington
Idaho Council No. 5—Colorado
Red Feather Council No. 59—Maryland
Araminta Council No. 380—Indiana
Onetah Tribe No. 183—California
Minnetonka Tribe No. 199—New Jersey
Majella Council No. 152—California
Minnehaha Council No. 1—New Jersey
Arapahoe Council No. 17—Colorado
Musquitine Tribe No. 95—Iowa
Chotaw Tribe No. 306—Pennsylvania
Hiawatha Council No. 39—Colorado
Ne Ma Ha Council No. 278—New York
Choctaw Tribe No. 292—California
Bald Eagle Council No. 77—California
Osceola Tribe No. 43—Ohio
Yotoc Tribe No. 521—Pennsylvania
Red Wing Council No. 321—New York
Gawanga Council No. 234—California
Running Elk Council No. 125—New Jersey
Oneida Council No. 204—New York
Lassawa Tribe No. 139—Massachusetts
Wenonah Council No. 3—Maine
Weeott Tribe No. 147—California
Silver Cloud Council No. 168—California
Quinsigamond Tribe No. 7—Massachusetts
O Hee Yah Council No. 253—California
Narkeeta Council No. 27—Connecticut
Motega Tribe No. 80—Virginia
Montezuma Tribe No. 83—Maryland
Opequon Tribe No. 29—West Virginia
Big Maple Tribe No. 123—West Virginia
Sasanoa Tribe No. 64—Maine
Go-Wan-Go Mohawk Council No. 47—Conn.
Piankatank Council No. 14—Virginia
Setting Sun Council No. 129—New Jersey
El Tejon Council No. 215—California
Chippena Council No. 45—Massachusetts
Stillwater Tribe No. 195—Ohio
Black Hawk Council No. 228—New York
Cherokee Tribe No. 174—Iowa
Crow Tribe No. 423—Pennsylvania
Massachusetts Tribe No. 1—Massachusetts

Minoca Council No. 13—Florida
Wambic Tribe No. 507—Pennsylvania
Fleetfoot Tribe No. 8—Virginia
Yemassee Council No. 105—New Jersey
O-Ne-To Council No. 47—New York
Mohican Tribe No. 1—Pennsylvania
White Dove Council No. 65—Maryland
Shakahappo Council No. 136—Pennsylvania
Ellinipsico Tribe No. 74—Ohio
Anona Council No. 17—California
Sequoah Council No. 88—Iowa
Osage Tribe No. 146—Illinois
Silver Moon Council No. 11—New Jersey
Winnebago Council No. 240—California
Manaiung Council No. 275—Pennsylvania
Pride of Uncas Council No. 46—Connecticut
Chicopee Council No. 111—Pennsylvania
Wyanoke Council No. 278—Pennsylvania

Here Are The Leaders

Pennsylvania	$3,530.00
California	2,895.50
New York	1,260.00
Delaware	1,027.00
Maryland	950.00
Indiana	938.00

A CHALLENGE

Dear Carl:

You may recall that at the beginning of the campaign for funds for the Hall of Patriots, our Tribe donated a sum which constituted 100% of our membership.

We are again answering your appeal for funds by enclosing our check for $76.00 which again represents 100% of our membership, making this a total of 200%.

Brother Raymond Westcott, Chairman of the Committee, said that our Tribe will bring its donation to this Fund to 300% of our membership, when and if any other Tribe throughout the Great Reservation makes a 200% donation.

You can readily see that if many other Tribes will follow suit, it wont be too long before our quota will be met.

Please extend our Fraternal and good wishes to all.

Yours in F.F. & C.
(s) Nicholas A. Marinelli, C. of R.
Mosholu Tribe No. 523
Bronx, New York

WHO WILL BE THE FIRST TO ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE?

REDMANSHIP

In 1901, the first of three brothers took the obligation as a Red Man. Brother Elmer Page joined Otonkah Tribe No. 10 of Pittsburg, Kansas. The following March, Brothers Myron and Marion Page signed up. These three brothers were to become the backbone of Narragansett Tribe No. 169 of Norco, California. In January 1906 these three brothers took out withdrawal cards to enable them to become charter members of this Tribe.

January 1966 when Narragansett Tribe No. 169 celebrated their 60th birthday, these three Brothers had completed 193 years of Redmanship and were on hand for this birthday celebration. The sad part of this story is that on the 3rd sun of snow moon, Brother Marion Page answered the call of Kishe Manitou. Brothers Elmer and Myron Page expect to complete many more years of Redmanship.

> A fraternal Order must indeed be great when so many devote a lifetime to its principles and traditions.

KNOW YOUR GENERAL LAWS

Our General Laws column this issue will be in the form of a Question and Answer format. Bear in mind that we are governed by our General Laws, our Rituals and in some cases by Roberts Rules of Order. Also, your own Tribe, Council or Great Council laws may be more stringent than those of the Great Council of the United States.

1. Must a Reservation continue with its Orphans Fund?
2. We hear of the Degree of Hiawatha. Can any Tribe start a Junior Tribe?
3. Must all wampum of a Tribe be placed in the General Fund?
4. What happens when a Great Council finds it has an approved law in its By-Laws that is contrary to the laws of the Great Council of the U.S.?

(Answers on Page 9)

From the Great Senior Sagamore

Greetings and Best Wishes To The Members of Our Order.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to greet you from the pages of our Red Men Magazine.

The next session of our Great Council of the United States in Buffalo, New York, is fast approaching and I look forward with hope that the coming term as your Great Incohonee may be a harmonious and prosperous one for all branches of our Order throughout our Great Reservation.

Like, I am sure, all Great Incohonee's before me I have no panacea for curing the ills of our Order and I know we cannot go forward on my efforts alone. I must ask for the tireless and whole hearted support of every member of our order. Should any of you have any thoughts at all of an activity that will be of help I ask that you direct those thoughts directly to me. The same is true of any criticisms you may have.

Believing that our efforts should be directed toward acquiring new members, I hesitate to institute any additional programs beyond those in which we are now engaged. I do believe that this magazine which you are now reading is of vital importance to the Order and would appreciate any thoughts you may have relative to it. It was my hope that the profit we could obtain from the Christmas Card Program would permit the mailing of this magazine to every member of the order. I still cherish that hope.

Knowing that, in all activities, the best team is most often the winner, let us all, now, take a solemn pledge to make of the Improved Order of Red Men, Degree of Pocahontas, Degree of Anona and Degree of Hiawatha the winningest team ever.

Yours in F.F. & C.

(s) LARRY W. HERINGER,
G.S.S. - G.C.U.S.

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102ND GREAT COUNCIL SESSIONS

The 102nd Great Council Sessions of the Great Council of the United States will be held in the city of Buffalo, New York, September 25 thru 30, 1966. Headquarters will be at the Statler Hilton Hotel, located on Delaware Avenue at Niagara Square in Downtown Buffalo, New York 14240.

Much of the success of this convention depends on the renumeration received from the souvenir program. So please get your ad in promptly. Cost of ads are the same as in previous years; full page $50.00 — half page $30.00 — quarter page $17.50 — eighth page $10.00 and Tribe or Council name, address and meeting night $5.00 per listing. Send your ad and check directly to James I. Putman, Journal Chairman, 3 Wells Street, Johnstown, N. Y.

Hotel reservations are to be made directly to the hotel. Reservation cards have already been sent out. If you did not receive yours or need an additional supply, write to Mrs. Ruth Miller, 743 Lake Road, Youngstown, New York.

P.S. Gordon Miller, Publicity Chairman has sent us the following information: Dr. Kenneth Wells, President of Freedoms Foundation will be the principal speaker at the banquet. The tour of the Niagara Frontier planned for Wednesday afternoon is assured, and will be the highlight of the activities for the session. It will include Fort Erie, Ontario, the new observation towers and the floral clock in Niagara Falls, Ontario, views of Niagara Falls from both the Canadian and American sides, a luncheon, plus other interesting sights. During the week the delegates are in session, their guests will be entertained in a variety of ways. Bus service to points of interest in Buffalo, a breakfast radio show, a lunch radio show, a television show, plus many other activities provided by the entertainment committee. All in all, this promises to be an interesting session with many planned activities and we all owe a vote af thanks to the many hard working members of this committee.

For any additional information or special requests, contact the Convention Chairman directly: P.G.S. Jesse D. Miller, 203 78th Street, Niagara Falls, New York 14304. Remember: special rooms or functional rooms must be reserved by September 1st.

Registration has been set at $17.50. However, advance registration may be made anytime before September 1st, 1966 at a cost of $15.00. The advance registration blank below may be used and sent directly to the Registration Chairman.

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102nd Great Council United States, I. O. R. M.

Mrs. Ruth Miller, Registration Chairman

743 Lake Road

Youngstown, New York 14173

Registration: Prior September 1, 1966 — $15.00

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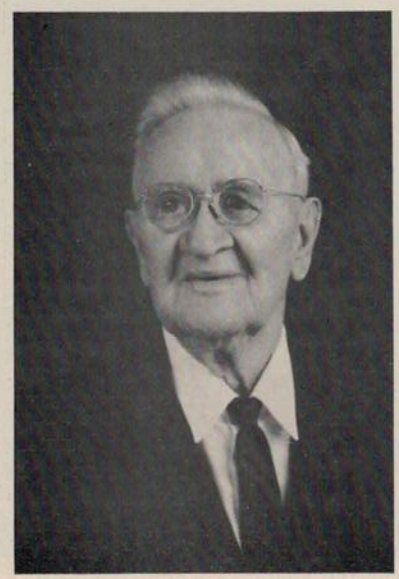
In Memoriam

THOMAS W. DUNFEE, Past Great Incohonee



Thomas W. Dunfee was born at Dobbstown, Lawrence County, Ohio, on July 10, 1875. He graduated from Windsor District Schools and attended Rio Grande College, Rio Grande, Ohio. In 1895, at the age of 20, he moved to Huntington, West Virginia. On March 25, 1898, Tom Dunfee was adopted into Mohawk Tribe No. 11 of the Improved Order of Red Men. In 1908 he served as Sachem of the Tribe. Ever active, he was responsible for the institution of several Tribes. He served as Great Sachem of the Reservation of West Virginia 1924-25, he was Great Representative several times and in 1936-38 served as Great Guard of the Forest of the G.C.U.S. At the 88th session of the Great Council of the United States, Tom Dunfee was elected Great Junior Sagamore. At Richmond, Viriginia, September 1942, Thomas W. Dunfee was raised to the chieftaincy of Great Incohonee. On March 17, 1966, the Great Spirit called to the Happy Hunting Grounds, Past Great Incohonee Thomas W. Dunfee, a devoted Red Man and a friend to mankind.

OUR THANKS

We have received so many nice letters of commendation that it has been impossible to answer them all. It seems our new magazine has met with the approval of the membership. The RED MEN MAGAZINE is YOUR MAGAZINE. We now have a managing editor, an editor, associate editors and a board of directors, all working to make this magazine tops. We don't write fancy or dress up our stories with useless words, we use the newspaper style of simple reporting from the news sent to us by the membership.

We thank those who have made this issue possible. We call them our REPORTERS for this issue. Thanks to the following who contributed articles or news for this issue: Kenneth R. Reffeitt, James O. Archer, Ora Thompson, Marvin Hudson, Gordon Miller, W. E. Yopp, Ray Decker, Carrie Schmid, Emma Helm, Louis Boschetti, Lester Grippen, Carl Lemke, Henry Valent, May LaMonte, and Irwin Brown.

RED MEN DAY IN ALEXANDRIA

Again this year Seminole Tribe and Silver Moon Council of Alexandria, Virginia are hosting the now renowned Red Men Day in Alexandria. October 15th is the day and a full day's activities are planned with an open house or friendship gathering the evening preceding. The highlight of this affair is the Trail to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the wreath laying ceremony there. Past Great Incohonee Fred G. Brown made this statement (quote) "This is indeed one of the most solemn and inspiring ceremonies that I have witnessed throughout the Great Reservation and if the Great Spirit wills it, I intend to be there". We might add here that Brother Brown has attended every one of these Red Men Day in Alexandria affairs and is already planning to attend this one. Full details will be supplied in the next issue of the Red Men Magazine. In the meantime, mark down the date, October 15, 1966 and make plans to attend this inspiring and educational event.

HISTORY BEING MADE

The Official History of the Improved Order of Red Men is still finding its way into the public libraries all over the land. Soon the paleface world will have the opportunity of going to most any library and finding one of these histories on loan. We have received several pictures and numerous letters detailing this same activity from many Reservations.

The picture and story herein was picked at random from the many that we have received and is symbolic of them all. We regret that we cannot list them all here as space will not permit. So please consider this as representative of the many that we have received.

Eyota Tribe No. 5 of Wilmington, North Carolina recently presented an Official History to the New Hanover Public Library of Wilmington. At the presentation ceremony were (front row) Victor E. Edens, Sachem; Miss Katherine Howell, Librarian; L. J. Poisson, Library Trustee; (back row) Rev. James Smith, Senior Sagamore; James L. Streeter; W. E. Yopp, Great Chief of Records, and E. C. Brandon, City Manager.

These histories should be owned by all members of our Order. The printing of this history is the first in fifty years. When these are gone, many years will elapse before another printing is made. Copies of this history are still available as long as the supply lasts. Order yours directly from your Great Chief of Records or your Great Keeper of Records. If not available there, order directly from Carl R. Lemke, G.C.R., G.C.U.S.

GENERAL LAWS — ANSWERS

(See Questions on Page 5)

1. 5-8.02. Each Reservation Great Council may vote to discontinue its Orphans' Fund. In such event, provisions must be made to care for all orphans on its roll until they become ineligible. In such event, no new orphans may be taken on. All funds remaining, other than those needed for the care of said orphans already on the rolls, shall be placed in a Propagation Fund. An amount not exceeding one thousand dollars may be withdrawn and used in any great sun for propagation purposes. Such Reservation Great Council shall report the balance remaining in such fund, each great sun, until the same is exhausted.
2. Sec. 5-9.01. Any Reservation Great Council may, at its option, provide by law for the formation of degrees for youth who, because of age, are not eligible for membership in either Tribes or Councils, Improved Order of Red Men.
3. Sec. 6-5.02. The dues and other sources of revenue may be placed in separate funds for certain and specified purposes, as by the laws provided.
4. Sec. 8-8.02. The laws of any Great Council, Tribe, Council Degree of Pocahontas, or other subordinate branch of the Order which conflict with or contravene the provisions of this constitution (G.C.U.S.) are hereby repealed, annulled and held void. Any attempt to enforce the same shall be held to be an act of contempt and insubordination, and the guilty party shall be punished therefor as by the law provided for such offense.

VIRGINIA HOSTS

The Reservation of Virginia will host the 103rd sessions of the Great Council of the United States to be held in September 1968. A committee has already been formed spearheaded by P.G.S. John Owens and P.G.P. Elizabeth Corbell. Preliminary meetings have already been held and headquarters for the sessions will be at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond, Virginia.

Virginia is planning to charter a bus to take its members to the Great Council Sessions in Buffalo.

COLORADO - WYOMING

Front row left to right: Richard Winkler, Clifford Overy, John Kettle, Ken Kettle, Jack Mullens, C. A. Bustas. 2nd row left to right: Kenneth Haynes, Del Easten, Tony Dolence, Anton Zupence, David Wiss, Charles Wilkinson, John K. Love. 3rd row left to right: Dominic Coletti, August Kaumo, W. C. Lister, William Fleming, Joe Guillam, Charles Bynon, Howard Daniels.

In our last issue we had a story regarding Washakie Tribe No. 5 of Rock Springs, Wyoming and the institution of their new Council, Sacagawega Council No. 65. We stressed the cooperative spirit of the Great Chiefs of Colorado who performed as the Degree Team and Instituting Chiefs for the new Council.

The remarkable part of this story is that Washakie Tribe is a re-activated Tribe that is now really on the ball. At their Anniversary Dinner on March 19th celebrating their 69th Birthday, Washakie Tribe highlighted the affair with a class of 20 palefaces for adoption. Here again the Colorado Degree Team officiated. We are giving a follow-up to the story in the last issue because we feel that the extra efforts of this Tribe deserves commendation and is an example to other Tribes who will preach and practice Redmanship. YOU too, can Grow and Prosper if you will Try.

HONORS

Minnewaska Council No. 91 of West New York, New Jersey recently celebrated its 50th Anniversary by honoring two charter members: Past Great Pocahontas Carrie Schmid and Past Sachem Arthur Mallon. On May 21st, this Council will have a testimonial dinner to honor New Jersey's Great Pocahontas Mary Yoerg. It is expected that the councils of New Jersey will turn out en-masse to make this a gala event.

TORCH BEARER PROGRAM

Your Great Chiefs, your Committee On Promotional Development, in a joint effort have come up with a program that it is hoped will lessen SUSPENSIONS considerably. What is responsible for Suspensions? Basically suspensions are due to the lack of interest by the member. Therefore the underlying purpose of the Torch Bearer Program is to motivate and inspire New members and Old members alike to take more pride in Our Order, to undertake a voluntary program of study that will indoctrinate them into the principles and purposes of our Order, to inspire them to take part in Tribal or Council meetings and make them proud to go out and secure a NEW MEMBER to guide through the Torch Bearer Program, so that they might too, become a motivated and active member.

Included with this issue of the Red Men Magazine is a printed brochure outlining this TORCH BEARER PROGRAM. Great Incohonee Henry Valent has anthusiastically endorsed this program. He urges each and every member to become a Torch Bearer. The time to begin is NOW. Do your part to eliminate Suspensions. A supply of these Torch Bearer brochures may be secured from the office of the Great Chief of Records, Carl R. Lemke, Box 683, Waco, Texas 76703. THE GOAL: 10,000 Torch Bearers in 1966.

NEW TRIBES AND COUNCILS

It is always an extreme pleasure to announce New Tribes and Councils. In our last issue we neglected to announce two New Councils instituted in Ohio and we apologize herein and it is with pleasure that we announce the institution of Wenona Council No. 3 at Dayton, Ohio and Pontiac Council No. 101 at Cincinnati, Ohio. Congratulations.

Heartening news comes from Texas that Onyx Tribe No. 18 was instituted at Genoa with 54 charter members. Charter petitions are in circulation for New Councils at Beaumont and Sinton and it is expected that they will be instituted by the time this magazine is released.

> Let's have the institution of more New Tribes and Councils to spearhead the growth of our Order.

ALL AMERICAN CONFERENCE TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

Ironically, the end of World War II marked the beginning of another kind of conflict for America and Americans. For the first time in its history, the United States became faced with the job of combatting a foreign ideology —the atheist Communist ideology whose primary goal was, and is, to undermine and eventually destroy the American form of government and the American Way of Life. Communism never sleeps, and neither must Americans if this nation is to preserve the things for which it fought for in two world wars.

The All American Conference to Combat Communism is a leader among those organizations dedicated to combatting the communist menace here in America and abroad. We, the Improved Order Of Red Men are proud to be a contributing member to this American institution. As such, we have just made our annual contribution from a fund of voluntary contributions.

PENNSYLVANIA

The Tribal Trail Blazer Committee of the Reservation of Pennsylvania recently held a meeting at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in Philadelphia that turned out to be a huge success, mainly through active planning and a general enthusiasm of the metropolitan Philadelphia membership. Crow Tribe performed the adoption ceremony on 32 palefaces. P.G.S. Howard Boyle, chairman of this event took a roll call count that showed more than five hundred in attendance. Besides the Board of Great Chiefs of Pennsylvania, visiting Great Chiefs included Olan Morgan, Great Sachem of Maryland, Mike O'Brien, Great Sachem of New Jersey, Frank Kelly, Great Sachem of Delaware and many subordinate Great Chiefs. John L. Howley, Great Prophet of the Great Council of the United States and Edward L. Keyser, Great Junior Sagamore were also present.

After the adoption ceremony, the Dick Creen String Band performed to an enthusiastic audience. Refreshments completed a highly successful evening.

BELLS ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

"BELLS ON INDEPENDENCE DAY" will be the title used this year by many communities and organizations in their efforts to stimulate the now traditional Independence Day Bell Ringing. A synchronized time of 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Monday, July 4th is again prescribed for this year. It is urged that our Tribes and Councils participate in this program in their own communities.

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MOTHER'S DAY

May 8th is Mother's Day, the day when we honor the greatest one of them all — "MOTHER". This brings to light a story from within our own Order, one that we can appropriately call A PLEDGE MADE TO MOTHER.

This story originates in Wanita Council No. 7 of Columbus, Ohio and goes back more than sitxy years, beginning with Nina Wood, "Mother" or "Mom" Wood as she was known to everyone. A picture in the family album shows that Nina Wood was a member sixty or more years ago as this picture portrays members of Wanita Council holding their babies and Nina Wood was proudly holding hers, Ora Wood.

The Wood family grew and grew, seven daughters and three sons. During this time, Nina Wood's enthusiasm for her beloved Degree Of Pocahontas never waned. It was her ambition that her daughters would take up with this fraternal work that meant so much to her. It was not until the fifth daughter Ruth, reached the age of sixteen that this came about when Ruth joined Wanita Council. The following year, two more daughters joined the Council, Ora and Hazel. This was followed by Mayme, Lutie, Elizabeth and June.

When the Great Spirit called Mother Wood in April, 1938, the seven daughters made a pledge: A PLEDGE MADE TO MOTHER, vowing to retain their membership in the Degree of Pocahontas, always remaining as members of Wanita Council. This pledge as a token of love, and to the memory of their Wonderful Mother, Nina Wood.

As time went on, several of the Daughters moved from Columbus, one to Florida, two to the west coast, one to Michigan, and one to Toledo. But all retain their membership in Wanita Council.

The three sons became active in Redmanship but as our story concerns the daughters and a PLEDGE TO MOTHER, we conclude by saying regretfully that one daughter Elizabeth, has answered the call of the Great Spirit. The remaining six daughters are, Hazel Champion, P.G.P., Ora Thompson, P. G. P., G.R.K., Ruth Cross, P.P., Lutie Shellenbarger, P.P., Mayme Hipple and June Bennett.

This PLEDGE TO MOTHER makes a beautiful Mother's Day Story, it is not fictional, but true. Mother Wood would have been proud of her daughters, for they certainly have carried on the spirit and tradition of the Degree of Pocahontas.

VIETNAM

Mosholu Tribe No. 523 of Bronx, New York sends us information of another Brother serving in Vietnam. He is P.F.C. Frank Westcott, U.S. 51558693. He is stationed with Bat. C, 2nd Bn. 32 Art. Address: APO San Francisco 96307.

Our Order is justly proud of its fine service record and a member fighting for his country is typical of the founding principles of this great organization as the Original Patriots and founders of this Order led the fight for liberation and freedom. To further honor our service men, a beautiful colored certificate is available from the Great Chief of Records Carl R. Lemke for one dollar. This would make a fitting memento to them, or the families of those Brothers serving in Vietnam.

BI-CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

The extension of our Bi-Centennial Membership Campaign to March 31, 1966 ended with a successful rush. As the deadline for the receipt of the applications was April 15th, we have been unable to tabulate all stubs at the time we went to press with this issue. However, our congratulations to those who earned the generous awards that were offered. To the several thousand new members adopted during this membership campaign, we say WELCOME to America's Greatest Fraternity. You too, received an award in this now famous booklet "THESE TRUTHS WE HOLD SACRED" which was given to each new member adopted. This is the same booklet which received the Vigilant Patriot Award featured on the front cover. Our salutations to Carl R. Lemke, who compiled and edited this booklet which is distributed by the Committee on Promotional Development. This has now been made available to other organizations, schools, Hiawathas and Anonas, scout troops or any interested Americans. This booklet is indeed a fitting memorial and a climax to our Bi-Centennial Year.

HIGHWAY SAFETY

Everybody is now jumping on the HIGHWAY SAFETY bandwagon since President Johnson made his epic making speech to congress stating "The useless slaughter on our highways is the most critical problem facing our nation next to the crisis in Vietnam". His proposed federal highway safety act has been deferred until some formal action can be taken on local levels. Governors, Senators, and many legislators are desperately working on this problem. Many committees and many organizations are now becoming cognizant that Highway Safety is indeed an important part of what is America.

We, the Improved Order of Red Men have been working on this problem since 1960 when Great Incohonee Fred G. Brown introduced Highway Safety at the national session. This program was adopted and was further implemented by the efforts of then Great Senior Sagamore John L. Howley. So we do not have to get on the bandwagon. We have been leading the way for the past six years. But now is the time to expand our activities and let the nation know that we recognize a critical problem and like we have done for the past 200 years of our existence, can mobilize our membership to lend aid to fight this menace. Remember, 49,000 persons were killed in 1965.

SCHOOL IS OUT — WATCH THAT CHILD — DRIVE CAREFULLY. This is our next issue and is available June 1st for nationwide distribution to coincide with the summer school vacation in your Reservation or community. We have used this slogan before but it is most appropriate for re-use as we again dedicate our manpower to the preservation of the children of today, our leaders of tomorrow. Order your posters from your own Reservation Committee on Promotional Development or if not available there, order directly from the C.O.P.D. propagation office, Box 683, Waco, Texas 76703.

Pennsylvania, Maryland, Indiana, Texas, many other Reservations and Individuals are using the Drive Safely slogan on their mail to further promote Highway Safety. To all these, we say THANKS.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Many of our Tribes and Councils have not complied with the request to send in to the office of the Great Chief of Records of the Great Council of the United States a list of their membership. This is Important. If your membership list is not sent in, you will be denying your membership the opportunity of receiving personal communications from time to time from the national office. A National Membership List has long been a need of our Order. We need the help of EVERY Chief and Every Keeper of Records to make this a reality. So, if you have not done so, PLEASE COMPLY AT ONCE.

OUR NEXT ISSUE

Our masthead on page 2, list our publication date, copy deadline, subscription rates and other vital information. Get in the habit of referring to this for these details. Then we can use this space for other and more vital news. Our NEXT ISSUE will be AUGUST 1, 1966, with a copy deadline of July 1st. Send us your news that will be beneficial to our membership nationally. We must reserve the right to edit your copy and occasionally a copy can't be used for various reasons. We hope you will understand our many problems and bear with us. REMEMBER, the RED MEN MAGAZINE can be only as good as YOU make it.

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READ-AS-YOU-RUN

Wingaersheek Tribe of Gloucester, Massachusetts recently celebrated their 80th Anniversary with over 300 persons in attendance, with P.G.I. John L. Howley as honored guest. . . . Condolences to the family of P.G.S. Irvin Weber of Pennsylvania . . . Reservation of West Virginia (Tribal) reports a GAIN of 4 for 1965 . . . P.G.I. Arthur Ruland will attend the Virginia Great Council Sessions as the Representative of the Great Incohonee . . . P.G.S. Togo Wynne has received a plaque as RED MAN of the Year . . . Joan, the lovely wife of our Great Incohonee Henry Valent, just recovering from a bout with pneumonia . . . Brother Frank E. Kaufman celebrating 60 years as a Red Man, having joined Monon Tribe No. 489 of Rochester, New York in 1900 when he was 18 years old . . . Conococheague Tribe No. 84 of Williamsport, Maryland still our Largest Tribe with 834 members . . . Condolences to the family of P.G.I. Thomas Dunfee may be sent to his daughter, Mrs. Lyell V. Douthat, 111 Eleventh Ave., Huntington, W. Va. 25701 . . . We mourn with the Reservation of California the passing of P.G.P. Hazel Shireman . . . Montezuma Tribe No. 83 of Baltimore, Maryland sent a Christmas card to President Johnson and received back a personal reply from Lyndon and Lady Bird Johnson . . . The Southern California General Committee planning its 9th annual Luau for the sole benefit of the California Red Men and Pocahontas Orphans Fund.

INDIAN FACTS

Twenty decendants of Pomo Indians who live on the Cloverdale Rancherio in Sonomo County, California, began a new chapter in their lives recently when the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs terminated trusteeship over their lands. The termination, approved by the Indians and involving 27.5 acres of small land parcels, was the 22nd such action taken by the Bureau under the California Rancheria Act of 1958. The act provides for distribution of rancheria assets to the Indian owners and an end to Federal services. The Cloverdale Indians now have the same status as other California citizens who are tax-paying property owners.

FREEDOM

FREEDOM is a most outstanding word to the peoples of the Free Nations. What Freedom means to you is somewhat of your own conception, but generally, the word FREEDOM conveys the rights of myself and you to do what we want to do.

The communistic world has freedom to a certain extent, but there are too many restrictions, and the word Freedom to these people can only mean that they can do what they want to do as long as they do it in a manner prescribed by the rulers of the communistic world.

Let's make use of FREEDOM, take advantage of this part of your heritage. Your ancestors fought and died for the cause of Freedom, and culminating from this, the Improved Order of Red Men has taken as one of its precepts, the word FREEDOM. Brothers, make use of this freedom, use it to your advantage, and rejoice that you can use it without fear that someone will dictate its policies.

We, the Improved Order of Red Men are able to set down its own laws, and govern our fraternal Order to its best advantage, and again not be afraid that because we are a large organized Order, that the government of this country will step in and try to disorganize us; because WE are the government, and we also are a fraternal government, within a national government. And that my Brothers is a part of FREEDOM, and how we as RED MEN can grow larger without restrictions of any kind except what we ourselves proclaim.

We can sit back and do nothing and a Great Fraternal Order will have slowly but surely faded into infinity. Or we can go out and WORK, take pride in what WE ARE, what we stand for, and Grow and Grow. Let's get that Fraternal Spirit, go out and sign up those NEW MEMBERS, and don't deny them the right or the opportunity that we now have, belonging to the Greatest, the IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN.

(s) Lester Grippin
Red Jacket Tribe No. 28
Sacramento, California

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mosholu Tribe No. 523 of the Bronx, New York certainly sets an example of what a Tribe should do to promote AMERICANISM. Again this year, they have donated 3,000 attractively printed posters in two colors, to the public schools depicting the Pledge of Allegiance.

This brings to mind a project that our Order should undertake. To encourage the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance as it should be recited, with feeling and continuity. This should be practised in our Councils and then taken to the general public. Too many recite the pledge with as many as ten breaks or pauses which takes from it all continuity of meaning. The Pledge of Allegiance should be said exactly as it is printed in our ritual, with four breaks or pauses only, as follows:

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS,

ONE NATION UNDER GOD,

INDIVISIBLE,

WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

Do this, and put feeling and meaning into your pledge. As America's Oldest Patriotic Organization, let's show the way.

ZIP CODES

You have probably heard a lot about the new Postal Zip Codes and how they speed mail delivery. But do you know that the Post Office will not accept 2nd or 3rd class mail without this little magic number. Our own Red Men Magazine and most of the Tribal and Council Bulletins are sent at this reduced rate. If they do not have your Zip Code, you probably will not receive their bulletin.

P.G.S. Lon Robertson who publishes the Kentucky Red Men News, informs us that he had to eliminate more than half of his subscription list on the last issue due to the lack of this all important Zip Code. So if you desire to remain on these mailing lists, cooperate by sending them your Zip Code number.

FROM OUR READERS

I wish to express my personal appreciation of the new edition of the RED MEN MAGAZINE, which I have read from cover to cover and found it most interesting. I enjoyed every article in it. I could not help but think how much time and work it consumed to assemble all this news and print it. I hope all the members who received a copy realize this and appreciate it and take time out to read their copies which will enlighten them on the various projects that our National Order is sponsoring for the expansion of our Organization. I found this magazine most interesting and inspiring.

With very good wishes for the "Red Men Magazine" and personal regards to all.

Sincerely yours in F.F. & C.
(s) H. May LaMonte, P.G.P.
Past President, D. of P. Nat. League

Thanks Sister May. The staff of this magazine try to assemble a magazine interesting to all and we appreciate your comments or advice.

GREAT COUNCIL SESSIONS

Tribal

Connecticut — Greenwich, May 7
Georgia — June
Missouri — Kansas City, May 14
New Jersey — Atlantic City, May
North Carolina — Raleigh, May 16, 17
Pennsylvania — June
West Virginia — June

Degree of Pocahontas

Florida — Key West, May 16, 17, 18
Missouri — Kansas City, May 15, 16, 17
New Jersey — Atlantic City, June 8, 9
New York — June
North Carolina — Raleigh, May 15, 16
Ohio — June
Pennsylvania — Trevose, May 19, 20, 21
West Virginia — June

BOWLING CHAMPS

On May 5th, a Red Men Team will bowl in the American Bowling Congress Championships in the Rochester, N. Y. War Memorial Building. Great Sachem Clifford E. Forrest, Sr. and Great Chief of Records Ross F. Ames will compete. It is hoped that Brothers Cliff and Ross will bring honor and glory to the Improved Order of Red Men.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

It is with pleasure that we announce the issuance of another of the coveted Achievement Awards. This has been issued to Past Great Pocahontas Ethel Etzel for her outstanding work with the Degree of Pocahontas in the Reservations of California and Nevada. These devoted workers of our Order like Ethel Etzel, zealously give their time and energy, and even their finances, to promote and advance the interests of this fraternity. To Ethel Etzel, we say "THANKS" and may this Achievement Award from the Great Council of the United States ever be a reminder that your exemplary efforts are deeply appreciated.

This Achievement Awards Program has been set up to show recognition to those Tribes or Councils, or Individuals who perform meritorious service beneficial to the Order. We depend on the membership to make the nominations for this award. If you know of any incident or effort by a Tribe, Council or Individual that is outstanding enough to merit this award, please submit your nomination directly to P.G.I. Edmund P. Taylor, 64 Long Hill Road, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

From pages 511-512 of the Official History of the Improved Order of Red Men.

This is the story of an old Navajo down in Arizona. Manuel for many years had been down in old Mexico, where he had been held as a peon. Practically he was a slave, but during his long working hours, in which he sought to extricate himself from debt, he never forgot the Yankee country up north, where there was no peonage. During the early stages of the last Mexican anarchy, Manuel broke away and found his way back to his Tribe. Earnestly did he labor, for he had learned the work habit, and all Navajos are industrious. After shearing much sheep wool, he found himself possessed with more than one hundred silver dollars of American money. Ah, now he was free and a capitalist. No longer did the stain of peonage color his soul. He was free. He knew freedom had a price. To celebrate he hired a native silversmith to solder one hundred silver links to as many silver dollars and then with great care he sewed with buckskin thongs fifty dollars to the seam of each leathern trouser leg. The dollars overlapped and jingled merrily as he walked the trails with his broken stride. "He was free, Manuel was free!" this is what the eagles on the dollars sang. "Manuel is free, and can buy what he desires".

Then came the rumble of war. Trickling through bits of conversation, Manuel in Spanish began to understand that the Freedom of the world was imperiled. Down to the trading post he strode, his silver dollars making him feel almost as proud as a chief. He listened, and heard of Liberty Bonds. Ah, so this Liberty could be purchased? It was a case of having money! Well did this old slave understand that Freedom could be bought. He did a great deal of thinking. He jingled his worshipped leggins and thought how like a chief he was. Long had he worked for those silver dollars. Yet—the world was weeping for Freedom. One morning Manuel walked into a bank on the border. He was carrying his sombrero in his hand and it appeared to be very heavy. In broken Spanish-Mexican he began to speak of Liberty. He laid down his hat and took from it one hundred dollars from which the silver loops had been melted. All were very bright and polished. "I cannot fight—too old" he said. "I can no fight for Libre, but I can buy the Liberty Bonds". He counted out the money and departed with a receipt assuring him a bond. Down the street he strode a little more erect than before, but no silver dollars jingled as he walked. No, he did not feel almost as proud as a chief, HE WAS EVEN PROUDER. He felt, as he expressed it, like "Americano." He had a right to be proud for he had invested his most treasured possessions in an assurance of Liberty for all mankind. Americans like Manuel cannot be conquered for they fight with their souls.

OUR HERITAGE

Born in Freedom, Nurtured in Friendship and dedicated to Charity, the deeds of the Improved Order of Red Men have been a shining light in the annals of American history from the dim dark days at Valley Forge to the equally dismal day at Pearl Harbor.

From the days of the musket and flintlock to the days of the missile and atomic bomb, it has stood as an arsenal of strength in the protection of American ideals and the perpetuation of what we are pleased to call the American Way of Life.

Torch Bearer Program

The Statue of Liberty with its glowing torch has long been a symbol of Freedom and Liberty to the American people and to all the people of the Free World. This *Glowing Torch* has served as an inspiration and is universally accepted as a source of illumination, enlightenment and guidance. To "Carry a Torch" simply means that one is enthused or inspired and endeavors to further the cause of his inspiration.

Freedom Torch is the inspiration for a new program of the Improved Order of Red Men and the Degree of Pocahontas, to be known as the *Torch Bearer* Program. For our purposes, we will assume that the torch is the *Torch of Redmanship.* We want our membership to carry this *Torch of Redmanship* into the paleface world. We want our membership to take up this Torch and nourish its flame. This *Torch of Redmanship,* if carried forth by enough of our membership, will cast its glow throughout the nation, and will be a visible symbol to guide us to new heights.

We seem to have no problem in getting new members. Our annual reports show large lists of adoptions and institutions of New Tribes and Councils. However, our suspensions and revocation of charters usually exceed our gains, thus resulting in net losses. It seems only logical that if we can stop our SUSPENSIONS, we will stop our annual losses. Therefore, our major problem seems to be SUSPENSIONS, and how we can reduce them.

The *Torch Bearer* Program is designed to do just that, reduce SUSPENSIONS to a minimum. It is a self-motivated program whereby a member through voluntary training and study, becomes a better member, gains a new Pride in the Order, and consequently stays off the SUSPENSION list. A New Member, when adopted, knows nothing of the Order. The basic oral exemplification received by most, conveys nothing to them. No indoctrination or training program is given or undertaken. The New Member thus remains ignorant of what he has joined and he has no means at his disposal to learn or study the basic principles or history of the Order. Thus in a short length of time, the member loses interest, and when dues run out, we lose another member by SUSPENSION. The selling job does not end with adoption—we must now sell him abiding faith.

Now you might ask, WHAT IS THE *TORCH BEARER* PROGRAM? It is simply a Five-Point Program which we hope will bring new Dedication, new Loyalty and a renewed Growth to this Greatest of American Fraternities. Many of our older members

might easily qualify on all points except #5, thus enabling them to become a *Torch Bearer* in a minimum of time. However, many will only be able to say that they qualify on several points and must work to accomplish the remainder.

The *Torch Bearer* Program is strictly voluntary and each member undertaking this program plans his own progress according to his available time and needs. He will mark his own progress and when satisfied that all five points of his program have been completed, have point #5 certified by the Chief or Keeper of Records of his Tribe or Council on the form provided and mail same to the Committee on Promotional Development to receive his special *Torch Bearer* Certificate.

THE FIVE POINTS OF THE *TORCH BEARER* PROGRAM

☆ 1—HISTORY OF THE ORDER. Each participant is expected to gain a basic knowledge of our Order. Pamphlets are available, such as #3 and #4 which touch briefly on our basic History. Or a broader and more general knowledge can be obtained from the *Official History of The Improved Order of Red Men.* It is urged that each Tribe and Council have several of these to loan to members.

☆ 2—PURPOSES OF THE ORDER. Each participant should become familiar with the purposes of the Order, which are as follows:

(a) To preserve our Nation by defending its principles of Free Government.

(b) To inspire a greater love for the United States of America.

(c) To create Friendships at regular meetings and a variety of social gatherings.

(d) To broaden our knowledge and visions of the finer things of life.

(e) To assist our fellow members in time of need, and to support recognized national and local charitable causes.

(f) To perpetuate the beautiful legends and traditions of a vanishing race and to keep alive its customs, ceremonies and philosophies.

☆ 3—Gain a basic knowledge of the Rituals and General Laws of this Order. A basic knowledge of the rituals can be obtained by attending meetings regularly and observing what is being done, and to participate in its working. Ask permission from Sachem or Pocahontas to study same. Obtain a copy of your Reservation Laws or a copy of the General Laws of the Great Council of the United States and study them.

☆ 4—Participate in meetings and activities of your Tribe or Council. To be a TORCH BEARER, you must be an Active Member of your Tribe or Council. Understanding and appreciation can only be realized through participation.

☆ 5—The fifth and final point in this program is this: Secure a NEW MEMBER or a Reinstatement (either counts). After you have completed the four points above, the fifth point should be easy, for you will now have been indoctrinated and will be better able to go out and sell our Order to a paleface. This new member will be your final step in your *Torch Bearer* Program. When he or she has been adopted, your program will be complete.

Briefly, we have outlined this program to you. Every Member, no matter how long a member of this Order, is urged to embrace this program. You may already be qualified! Or you may need only to cover one or two points.

Present this brochure and the necessary training pamphlets to each newly-adopted Member and urge him to become a TORCH BEARER. A member with interest enough to become a TORCH BEARER will in all probability become a regular and dedicated member of your Tribe or Council.

This program is strictly voluntary—you are your own instructor, you set your own pace. It is you who determines when you have completed your program. It is only necessary to have certified the adoption of the paleface secured by you under point #5. Then send in the form to the Committee on Promotional Development and receive your Membership Card. You will then join the ranks of those who are working for and participating in the expansion and growth of this Order. You will have the satisfaction of knowing and enjoying the distinction of the rank of TORCH BEARER.

WHAT WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH

Our goal is modest. We hope that 10,000 members a year will undertake to become TORCH BEARERS. We hope that ALL NEW MEMBERS upon being adopted will be stimulated toward becoming TORCH BEARERS.

This *Torch Bearer* Program, through voluntary training, will give us a better informed membership, inspired by our principles, proud of our patriotic founding, and quite capable of selling this Order to relatives, friends and neighbors.

As our trained membership grows, the quality of our Leadership will grow. As the quality of our Leadership grows, so will the quality of Tribes and Councils grow.

The *Torch Bearer* Program will strengthen our Order beginning at the grass roots level, where ALL programs must begin. This is basically an Educational Program designed to stimulate the membership, retain their loyalty to the Order, and thus eliminate or materially reduce SUSPENSIONS. If we can reach the modest goal of 10,000 TORCH BEARERS a year, this will guarantee us a substantial net growth annually. Each TORCH BEARER must secure a New Member or a Reinstatement, thus each TORCH BEARER means a NEW MEMBER for this Order.

If we do all in our power to educate our New Members, we give them a purpose and a proud feeling of belonging to an Order that has their interests at heart.

THIS IS WHAT WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH THROUGH THE *TORCH BEARER* PROGRAM.

Will you become a TORCH BEARER and participate in the growth and prosperity of this Noble Order?

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CERTIFICATE*

This is to certify that_____
has successfully completed all five points of the *Torch Bearer* Program.
In compliance with Point 5, the following member was adopted:

Name _____

Tribe or Council _____

Date _____

_____
Chief or Keeper of Records

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